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SUBJ: THIRD SCC MEETING

1. IN VIEW OF DELAY IN FORMALIZING GRAYBEAL' S DESIGNATION AS SCC COMMISSIONER, GRAYBEAL RECOMMENDED TO USTINOV FIRST THING THIS MORNING THAT FORMAL SCC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL FORMALITIES COMPLETED AND HE IS OFFICIALLY THE US COMMISSIONER. USTINOV RESPONDED THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD CONSIDER THIS MEETING TO BE A MEETING OF THE SCC. MEETINNG TOOK PLACE AT 1100 HOURS WITH GRAYBEAL MAKING FOLLOWING STATE-MENT AT BEGINNING OF MEETING:

" IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT TODAY' S MEETING IS CONSIDERED BY THE SOVIET SIDE TO BE A FORMAL STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION MEETING, THE THIRD MEETING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. AS REPRESENTATIVE OF AMBASSADOR JOHNSON, THE US COMMISSIONER, AND AS US COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, I WILL LISTEN WITH CARE TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO PRESENT THIS MORNING, AND WILL PROMPTLY REPORT YOUR CONSIDERATIONS TO THE US GOVERNMENT."

2. USTINOV, AFTER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS EMPHASIZING PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF PROCEDURES CALLED FOR BY THE INTERIM
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AGREEMENT, PRESENTED " DRAFT PROTOCOL ON PROCEDURES FOR REPLACEMENT OF LAND- BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS OF OLDER TYPES AND BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS ON OLDER SUBMARINES BY BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS ON MODERN SUBMARINES" (FULL TEXTS TRANSMITTED SEPTELS).

3. IN POST MEETING CONVERSATION BETWEEN USTINOV, KARPOV AND GRAYBEAL, USTINOV, USING SIX PAGES OF PREPARED MATERIAL, PRESENTED CONSIDERATIONS WHICH BOTH SUPPORTED SOVIET PROPOSED PROCEDURES AND QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR MUCH OF THE DETAIL CONTAINED IN US PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION WHICH HE LABELED AS " NEEDLESS AND CUMBERSOME." GRAYBEAL SUPPORTED US PROPOSAL, NOTED CERTAIN INADEQUACIES IN SOVIET PROPOSAL, AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO PROMOTING HIGH CONFIDENCE ON BOTH SIDES IN VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS, AS WELL AS ENHANCING THE VIABILITY OF PRESENT AGREEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FUTURE AGREEMENTS. GRAYBEAL AND USTINOV AGREED THAT THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH BY EACH IN THIS INFORMAL SESSION WOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE WORKING GROUP.

4. IN FITZGERALD/ STARODUBOV PRIVATE CONVERSATION, STARODUBOV SAID THAT SOVIET DEFINITION OF MODERN SUBMARINE LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILES AS BEING " MISSILES OF THE TYPE DEPLOYED ON NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES MADE OPERATIONAL AFTER 1965 IN THE SOVIET UNION" WAS BASED ON AGREED INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT OF JULY 29, 1972 (NOTE USTINOV STATEMENT OF JUNE 6 ALSO REFERRED TO AGREED INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT OF JULY 29, 1972 -- SEE USDEL SALT TWO II 0241).

5. MAZERKIN TOLD ATKINSON AND DESIMONE THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO DISMANTLE BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS ON SUBMARINES ALLOWS THE USE OF THE SUBMARINE FOR ANY MILITARY PURPOSE NOT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED BY THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, THAT IS, THE PROHIBITION IS ONLY ON THE USE OF THE SUBMARINE FOR STRATEGIC PURPOSES TO LAUNCH BALLISTIC MISSILES.

6. WORKING GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 19. GRAYBEAL
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